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In re Application of : Brian A. Weston et al.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee of \$0.00, and to charge any deficiency, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned attorney's Deposit Account No. 02-4270.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Citation form to the applicant's undersigned Attorney.

The Broka reference cited in the attached Citation List, US 5,809,483, discloses a computer interface for use by an authorizing participant in authorizing access by traders to a bond trading system (Fixed Income Pricing System, or FIPS). An "authorizer" who is allowed to authorize participants access to the system may select an "Authorize Participant" function, which causes the system to display an Authorize Participant window. (Col. 23, lines 20 – 26; Figs. 49 and 51.) An authorized participant's access can also be controlled by the authorizer using the Authorized Participant window. If for example the authorizer selects a "Suspend" button, the bond trading system immediately suspends all quote activity for the participant on the bond trading system, on all issues. (Col. 23, lines 37 – 45.) When the authorizer selects a "Resume" button, the bond trading system

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"reserves" the quote activity. (Col. 23, lines 45 – 46.) The Authorize Participant window also allows an authorizer to set dates and times a participant is suspended from trading and can resume trading in particular issues. (Col. 24, lines 1 – 13; Fig. 53.)

Broka does not disclose or suggest systems, methods, or computer programming for conducting electronic trading of foreign exchange forwards, wherein at least one server mediates currency trades between traders by consulting pre-set trading configurations associated with each trader, wherein pre-set trading configurations include temporary restrictions on a specified trader set by a first trader to put the specified trader into a penalty box state, as claimed by Applicants.

It is submitted that each of the pending claims is allowable over Broka, taken alone or in combination with any other cited reference(s) of record or identified to Applicants by the Examiner.

This IDS is being filed after the mailing date of the first office action on the merits. A firm check in the amount of \$180 is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayments, to the undersigned attorney's Deposit Account No. 02-4270.

Applicants request that any questions concerning this matter be directed to the undersigned at (212) 895-2906.

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